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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.97 (e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication dated February 22, 2002 from the Japanese Patent Office in a foreign

counterpart application. A copy of the Japanese Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

No fee is required because this disclosure statement is being submitted within three months of when the cited information was first coted in a foreign counterpart.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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